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761—910.3(324A) Statewide transportation coordination advisory council.

910.3(1) *Purpose.* An advisory council shall be formed by the department to assist with implementation of the compliance reviews required by statute. The council shall assist in the review of information concerning the transportation operations of providers and advise the department as to whether the provider should be found to be in compliance with the transportation coordination mandate of Iowa Code chapter 324A.

910.3(2) Advisory council.

- a. Membership. Membership in the council shall at minimum include one representative from the department of human services, one from the department of elder affairs and one from the department. Other state agencies as well as federal agencies and statewide private agencies funding local transportation services may also be granted membership.
- b. Chairperson. The director of transportation or the director's representative shall serve as chairperson of the council.
- *c. Staff.* Staff support for council activities shall be provided by the department's office of public transportation.
- *d. Meetings*. Meetings shall be held at least once each month and may be held more frequently if necessary to enable the council to expeditiously discharge its duties.

910.3(3) Duties. The council shall:

- a. Review and make recommendations to the member agencies concerning guidelines and criteria for the review process operated by the council.
- b. Provide the department with written recommendations for findings of compliance or noncompliance with the transportation coordination mandate of Iowa Code chapter 324A for individual providers based upon review of each provider's request for certification.
- c. Upon request of a member agency, review all transportation components of funding applications or plans submitted by a recipient of the member agency.
- d. Advise and make recommendations to the department's office of public transportation concerning public transportation policy.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 324A.4 and 324A.5.